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SHIWAN KHAN, known throughout the Far East as “The Golden Master,” and ADOLPH HITLER plot to sabotage the not-yet-military industrial complex of that still sleeping giant known as AMERICA. Foiled in Detroit, KHAN sets his new target as the heart of NEW YORK CITY’S manufacturing and communications! KHAN has captured the scientist behind the secrets of THE SHADOW, the already legendary NIKOLA TESLA, and now, Tesla’s new Death-Ray is almost in KHAN’S hands! But for it to become fully operational, KHAN must have the massive power contained in THE SHADOW’S own GIRASOL. And TESLA stands defiant!

It’s life-or-death for TESLA and for New York as THE SHADOW descends on the city, prepared to incur the wrath of KHAN!

THE SHADOW strikes!

But he is NOT alone!

With his faithful Japanese valet, KATO, a daring and resourceful masked rider of the city streets leads the fight for law and order from Chicago to Detroit. Nowhere in the pages of history can one find a greater champion of justice!

Return with us now to those thrilling days of 1939! From out of the past come the thundering pistons of the great car, BLACK BEAUTY...

THE GREEN HORNET rides again!

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1939...SHIWAN KHAN is now MASTER
of the FATE of the WORLD!

He POSSESSES the GIRASOL, needing only scientist
NIKOLA TESLA to open its containment vessel
to access POWER SUPREME!

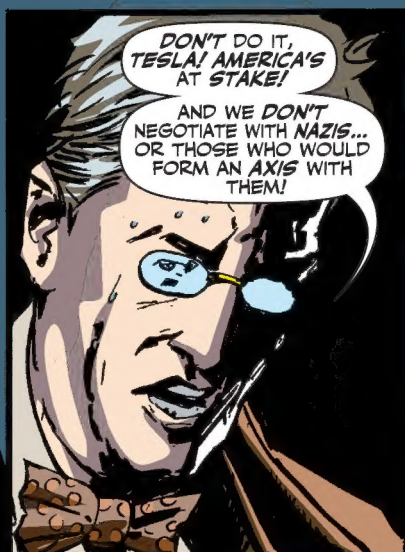
I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT BE A
BIT **RELUCTANT**,
MR. TESLA!

SO WE
KIDNAPPED YOUR MR.
ROOSEVELT...

...FROM HIS VERY
TRAIN UNDERNEATH
PARK AVENUE'S
SECRET TUNNEL
LEADING INTO NEW
YORK'S FINEST
HOTEL!

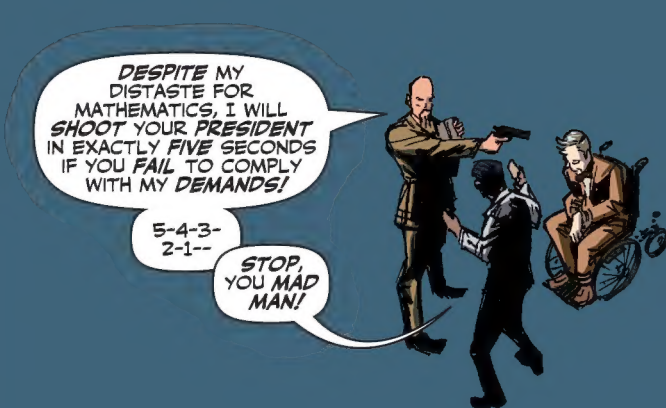
MR.
PRESIDENT!





DON'T DO IT,
TESLA! AMERICA'S
AT STAKE!

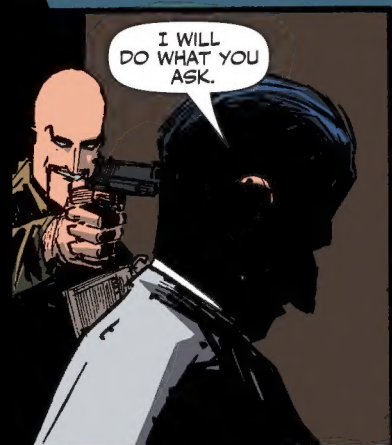
AND WE DON'T
NEGOTIATE WITH NAZIS...
OR THOSE WHO WOULD
FORM AN AXIS WITH
THEM!



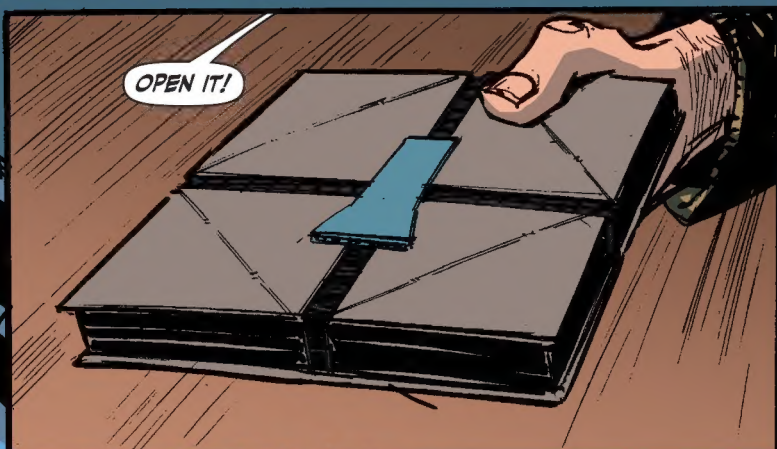
DESPITE MY
DISTASTE FOR
MATHEMATICS, I WILL
SHOOT YOUR PRESIDENT
IN EXACTLY FIVE SECONDS
IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY
WITH MY DEMANDS!

5-4-3-
2-1--

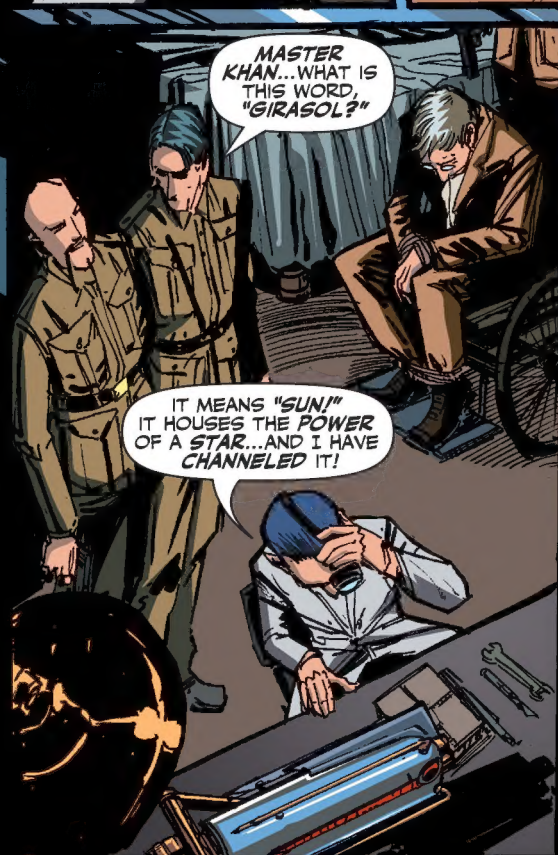
STOP,
YOU MAD
MAN!



I WILL
DO WHAT YOU
ASK.



OPEN IT!



MASTER
KHAN...WHAT IS
THIS WORD,
"GIRASOL?"

IT MEANS "SUN!"
IT HOUSES THE POWER
OF A STAR...AND I HAVE
CHANNELED IT!



GOTT
IM HIMMEL!

BUT...HOW
DOES A PIECE
OF A GLOWING
RED STAR BECOME
A JEWEL IN THE
RING OF THE
SHADOW?



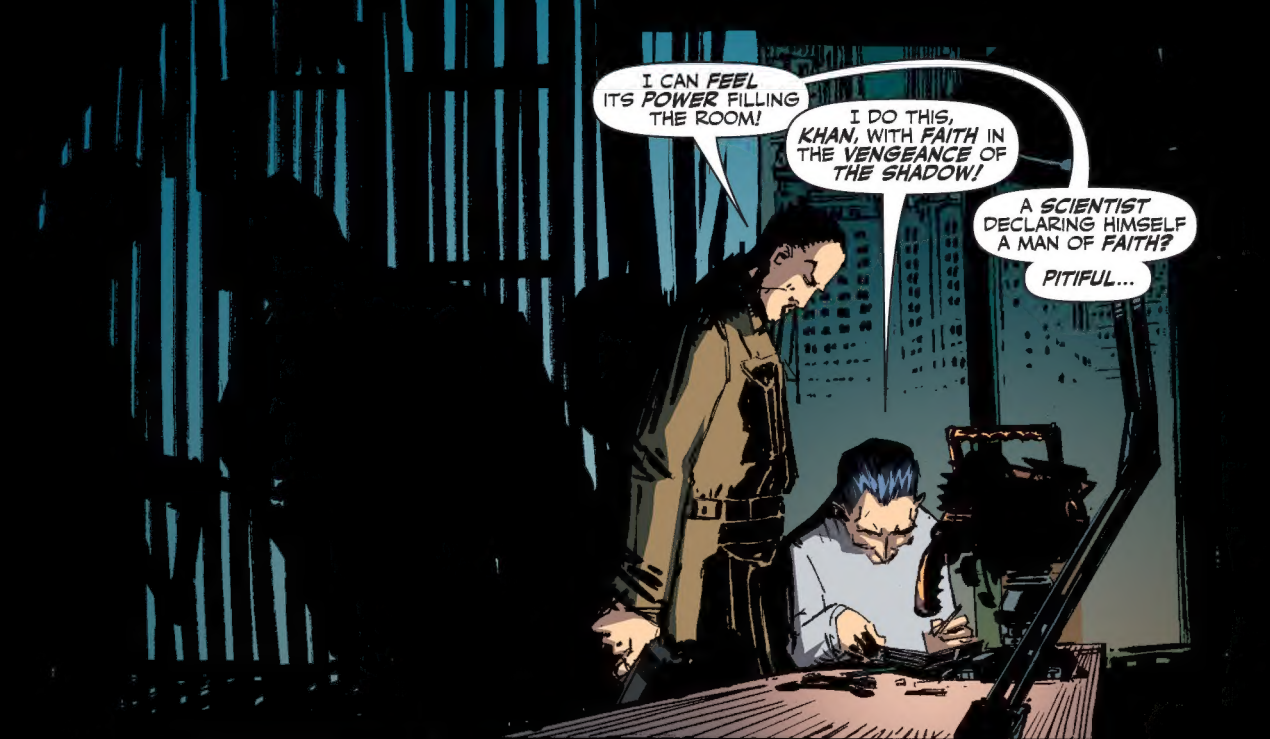
"THE GIRASOL WAS
DISCOVERED IN THE
FIRE OPAL MINES
OF MEXICO BY THE
XINCA INDIANS IN THE
EARLY 1500's...

"THE SPANISH CONQUISTADORS
PLUNDERED IT FROM THE STONE
EYE SOCKET OF THEIR MOST
SACRED IDOL!

"SPANISH GALLEONS SHIPPED THEIR
BOOTY TO THE FAR EAST, BUT TRADERS
AND TRAITORS SOLD, BARTERED AND
STOLE THE TREASURES, LITTLE EVER
REACHING SPAIN.

"TO PROTECT THEIR
IDOL FROM FURTHER
DEFILEMENT, THE XINCAS
HID IT IN THE TREACHEROUS
YUCATAN JUNGLES FOR
400 YEARS!

"THE EYE OF THE IDOL EMERGED IN A RING
AMONG THE ROMANOFF JEWELS! RASPUTIN
MARKED THAT RING WITH THE SIGN OF THE
RUSSIAN SPY GROUP, THE SEVENTH STAR."



I CAN FEEL
ITS **POWER** FILLING
THE ROOM!

I DO THIS,
KHAN, WITH **FAITH** IN
THE **VENGEANCE** OF
THE **SHADOW**!

A **SCIENTIST**
DECLARING HIMSELF
A MAN OF **FAITH**?

PITIFUL...



FAITH?
NOTHING BUT
FAIRYTALES...

...AND
LIKE **PETER PAN**,
I HAVE SEPARATED
YOU **FOREVER** FROM
YOUR **SHADOW**!



IS THAT
SO, **MR. KHAN**?
WELL, WE SHALL
SEE...

NO, **MR. TESLA...**
I **SEE**. YOU ARE
BLIND!

Mere blocks away...THE SHADOW'S
secret SANCTUM...

BURBANK
REPORTING!
FREQUENCY WXYZ...
TO ALL AGENTS!

THE GREEN
HORNET HAS ARRIVED
IN NEW YORK!

REPORT TO
THE SANCTUM!
ONE HOUR!

AFTER
MONITORING TESLA'S
APARTMENT, I CAN NOW
CONFIRM...

KHAN IS
THERE!

HE'S
KIDNAPPED THE
PRESIDENT OFF
HIS TRAIN!

SEVEN
SECRET SERVICE
AGENTS DOWN!

STAND BY
FOR A CODE
BLACK ALERT
FROM THE
SHADOW...

THE
CONTAINMENT
VESSEL IS
OPEN!

KHAN HAS
THE GIRASOLI!

GOD
HELP US
ALL!

GRAND CENTRAL STATION!

"Crossroads of a million private lives...gigantic stage on which are played a thousand dramas daily...."

I WOULD WELCOME YOU TO NEW YORK, MR. REID... BUT THANKS TO KHAN, NEW YORK IS NO LONGER A WELCOMING CITY!

I PICKED UP THE ALERT! IF YOU KNOW WHERE THIS SANCTUM IS, KATO...

...LET'S RIDE!

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE MUSINGS YOU SAID CRANSTON UTTERED IN YOUR PRESENCE...

... PLUS THAT INCIDENT WITH HOWARD HUGHES AT THE WORLD'S FAIR!

THERE'S CLEARLY MORE TO LAMONT CRANSTON THAN MEETS THE EYE!

MEANING?

HE MAY BE MORE THAN JUST AN AGENT OF THE SHADOW.

HE MAY BE THE SHADOW HIMSELF!

SHREVVY!
HOW'S THE OLD
SHOULDER?

A SCRATCH,
HARRY! I COULD
STILL PITCH FOR
BROOKLYN IF THEY'D
ONLY CALL ME!

READY FOR
SOME *REAL* ACTION,
PAL?

HEY! WHERE'S
MARGO?

MARGO
STAYED IN
DETROIT TO
FINISH THE
CLEAN-UP WITH
HOOVER'S
G-MEN!

G-MEN?
NO WONDER MARGO
STAYED THERE. YOU
KNOW HER--

FINALLY...
YEAH, I THINK
I DO...

BURKE, YOU
OL' WALRUS! LOOK!
I GOT ANOTHER OF THEM
NEW SUPERHERO
COMIC BOOKS!

SPARE
ME, SHREVVY.
THOSE THINGS
ARE FOR LOW IQ
DELINQUENTS!

NO, YOU'LL *LOVE*
THIS! ONE GUY'S A
HUMAN *SUBMARINE* AND
THE OTHER'S TOTALLY ON
FIRE! I THINK HE'S
CALLED "THE HUMAN
TORTURE!"

SIGH...
FIGURES.

BURKE! OF
COURSE, YOU'RE
HERE!

I DON'T KNOW *WHY*
MR. REID *MADE* ME COME HERE IF
NOBODY'S GONNA LET ME *WRITE*
THIS DAMN STORY!



NOTICE
CRANSTON'S
NOT HERE?

COME
TO ORDER,
GENTLEMEN!

WE'RE IN A
CRISIS OF HISTORIC
PROPORTION!

KHAN HAS FDR...
THE GIRASOL...AND TESLA'S
DEATH-RAY!

HE'S ABOUT TO
TAKE OUT THE CENTRAL
POWER STATION AND OUR
TALLEST COMMUNICATIONS
TOWERS!



OUR ACTIONS IN
THESE NEXT DESPERATE
HOURS WILL DETERMINE WHO'LL
BE RUNNING WASHINGTON IN THE
FUTURE...FDR OR ADOLPH
HITLER!



WHAT
ACTIONS? WHO
HAS A PLAN?

THE VICE
PRESIDENT? THE
JOINT CHIEFS? TOM
DEWEY?

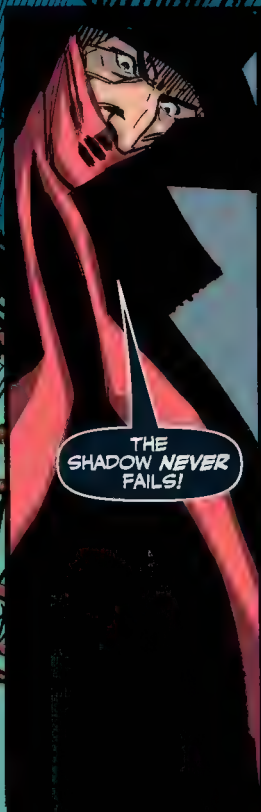


IF WE...AND OUR
COUNTRY... ARE TO
SURVIVE THIS DAY, THERE
IS ONLY ONE PLAN,
MR. AXFORD!

MY PLAN!

AND IF YOUR
PLAN DOESN'T
WORK?

WHAT IF YOU
FAIL?



THE
SHADOW NEVER
FAILS!

MARSLAND IS
ALREADY AFTER THE
PRESIDENT!

NO SUMMONING
POLICE OR TROOPS!
TOO MANY INNOCENTS
WOULD DIE!

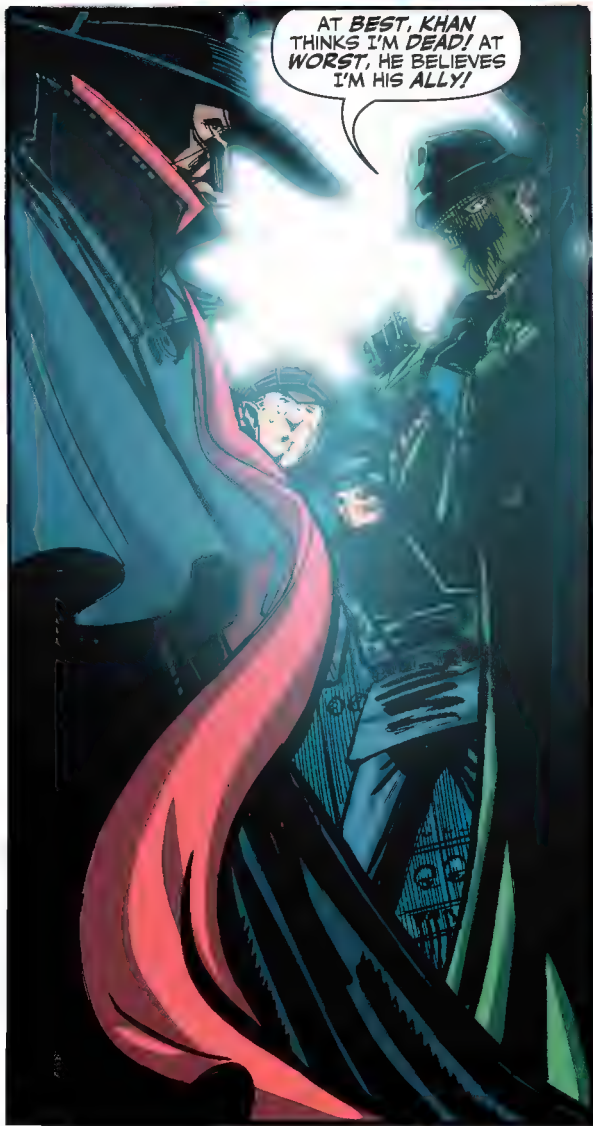
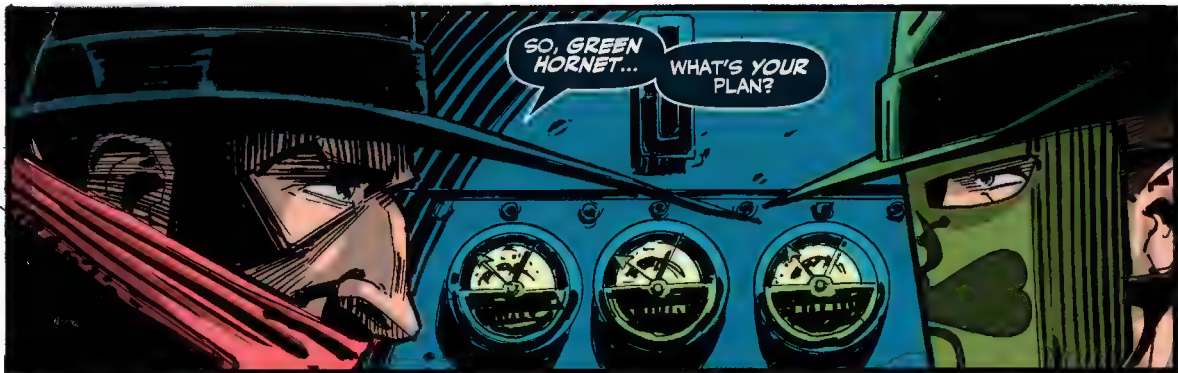
YOU'LL BE SPLIT INTO
TWO STEALTH UNITS TO
THWART THE DESTRUCTION
OF THE TOWERS!

I ALONE WILL
CONFRONT KHAN AT
THE POWER PLANT! I'M
THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE
OF MATCHING ONE
WHO WEARS THE
GIRASOLI!

NO!

NO?!

NO.
I HAVE
A BETTER
PLAN.



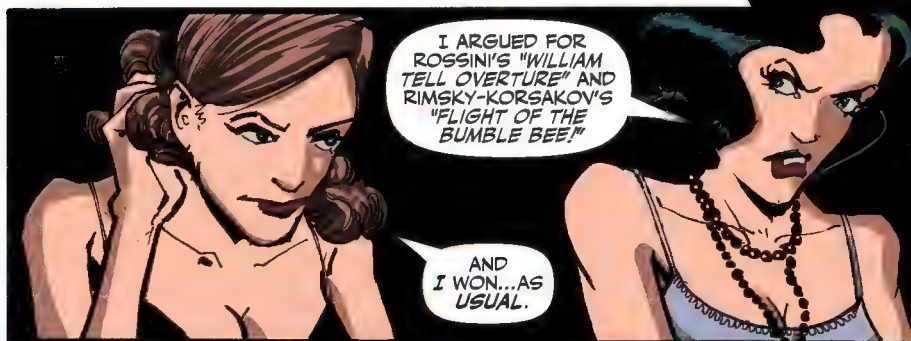
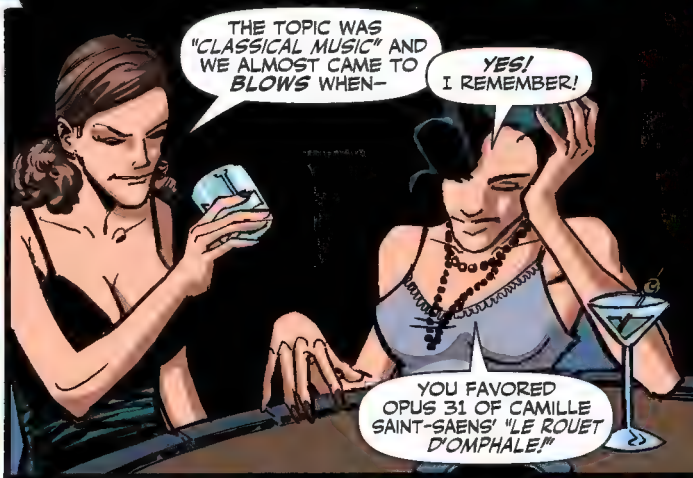
The exclusive Book-Cadillac Hotel,
Detroit, that very moment...

YOU'RE
REALLY **DONE**,
MARGO? ALL THE
BAD MEN CARTED
OFF BY **MR.**
HOOVER?

"NOT A
SOUL TO TELL
MY TROUBLES
TO...."

ASSIGNMENT
COMPLETED,
NORI!

AND SO I SIT IN A
HOTEL BAR AWAITING
FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS
FROM MY BOSS!



NEW YORK CITY...one step
CLOSER to HELL

THANKS TO TESLA,
THE SHADOW CAN'T
STOP US NOW!

BUT THIS
DEATH-RAY CAN ONLY
BE POWERED BY THAT
GIRASOL!

KHAN! SHOULD YOU NOT
REMOVE IT FROM YOUR
FINGER SO I CAN LOCK IT
INTO THIS WEAPON OF--

AAIIIIIIII!

SO SORRY.
WERE YOU TELLING
ME WHAT TO DO?

I WILL TELL
YOU WHAT WE
SHALL DO!

WE BEGIN MY
REIGN OF TERROR...
PARALYZE AMERICA...
SCARE ITS PEOPLE
FROM INTERVENING
IN MY WAR!

I CANNOT
HOLD BACK THAT
MADMAN, HITLER,
WHO RUSHES BLINDLY
TO INVADe POLAND
AND EXTERMINATE
AN ENTIRE
PEOPLE!

THOSE
HORRORS WILL
NO DOUBT
AWAKEN THIS
SLEEPING GIANT
OF A COUNTRY,
THUS ULTIMATELY
ENSURING
HITLER'S OWN
DEFEAT...
UNLESS...

...WE
DISEMBOWEL
AMERICA'S MILITARY
INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY
NOW...SENDING THE
POPULATION SCAMPERING
FOR A ROCK TO HIDE
UNDER UNTIL THEY
THINK THE DANGER
PASSES OVER
THEM!



TAKE THE
PRESIDENT BACK
DOWN INTO LEVEL **SEVEN**
OF THE STEAM TUNNELS
BENEATH PARK
AVENUE!

YAH! WE
ARE TO KEEP HIM ON
BOARD HIS TRAIN DOWN
THERE?



NO!

HITLER'S SPY, **KRUGER**,
CONFIRMED THE AGE-OLD
RUMORS--NEW YORK CITY IS
BUILT **OVER** ITS **ORIGINAL**
TOPOGRAPHY!

AT LEVEL **SEVEN** ARE
SPRINGS, STREAMS,
EVEN **PETRIFIED**
FORESTS
STRETCHING TO
THE **BATTERY!**



HOLD HIM
IN THE **CAVES**
BELOW THE
ORIGINAL FORT
AT THE
SOUTHERN TIP
OF **MANHATTAN**
ISLAND!



BUT BE **CAREFUL!** THOSE **CAVES**
AND TUNNELS DATE BACK TO
PRE-HISTORY!

DANGER LURKS
AROUND EACH CORNER
AND IN EVERY--

SHADOW?



WHAT ABOUT
THE **REST** OF THE MEN--
NAZIS FROM THE NEW
YORK **BUND** AND **FIFTH**
COLUMN?

NO NEED!

I HAVE
THE **GIRASOLI!**
AND...THE **DEATH-**
RAY!



THIS GAME IS
ALREADY **OVER...**THOUGH
THE **SHADOW** MAY YET
NEED **CONVINCING...**

....JUST BEFORE
HE **VANISHES...**THIS
TIME **FOREVER...**INTO
A HEAP OF **SCORCHED**
BONES!



The POWER PLANT...the final battleground
in a WAR of POWER versus POWER...

WITH THIS STRIKE,
I NOT ONLY SEVER
ELECTRICITY THROUGHOUT
THE EAST COAST, BUT LURE
THE SHADOW TO HIS
DOOM!

EXPECT HIS
AGENTS AT ANY
MOMENT...BUT LEAVE
THE SHADOW
TO ME...

...OR PERISH
IN THE FLAME OF
MY GIRASOL!

KHAN!

FACE ME
FOR THE LAST
TIME!

SO, MY ETERNAL FOE,
WE FINALLY AGREE ON
SOMETHING!

THIS WILL BE THE
LAST TIME I AM PLAGUED BY
ANY OF THE FACES OF THE
SHADOW!

FAREWELL, MR. ALLARD...
DARK EAGLE...BLACK EAGLE...
MR. BLANTON...MR. GAGE...
MR. ARNAUD...MR.
CRANSTON!

NO SHADOW
CAN SURVIVE THE
LIGHT OF A NEW
DAWN!



DO NOT
EXPECT ME TO KILL YOU
INSTANTANEOUSLY!

I NEED
TO *SAVOR*
THIS!

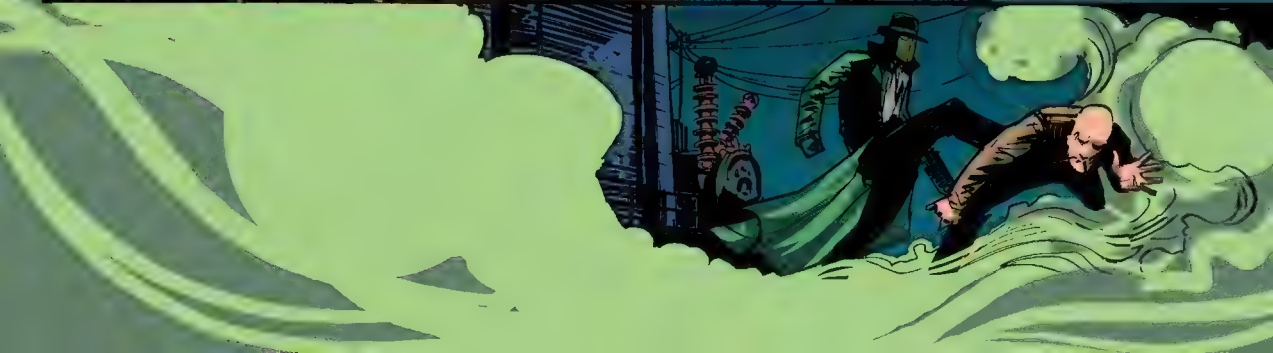
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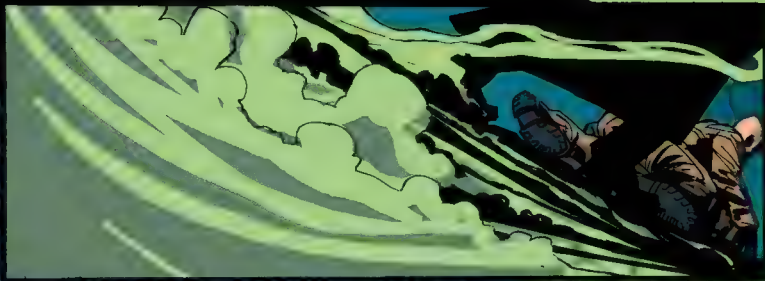
THE GIRASOL...
CREATING A...AN
ILLUSION?

POWER...
PEOPLE...*LIFE*
ITSELF...IT'S ALL
AN ILLUSION!

KHAN!

SAVOR
THIS!





MASTER!
USE THE
GIRASOL!

YOU
MUST USE THE
GIRASOL!

THIS GAS...
CANNOT GATHER MY
THOUGHTS...

SO SLEEPY...
MUST CLEAR MY MIND...
GET AWAY FROM
THESE FUMES...

TAKE THE
DEATH-RAY AND FLEE!
THE CHRYSLER BUILDING
TOWER!

FROM THERE,
I CAN FIRE IT AND
VAPORIZE MIDTOWN
NEW YORK!



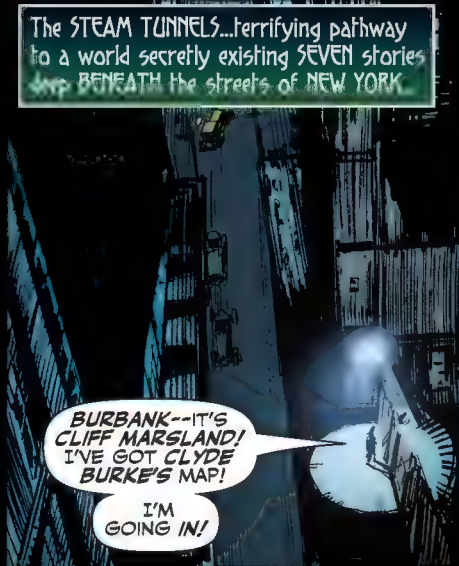
BUT, MASTER...
WHAT HAPPENED TO
THE SHADOW?

IS
HE DEAD?
ALIVE?

WHAT IF
THE SHADOW, ON
THIS DARK NIGHT,
RISES?



The STEAM TUNNELS...terrifying pathway
to a world secretly existing SEVEN stories
deep BENEATH the streets of NEW YORK



BURBANK--IT'S
CLIFF MARSLAND!
I'VE GOT CLYDE
BURKE'S MAP!

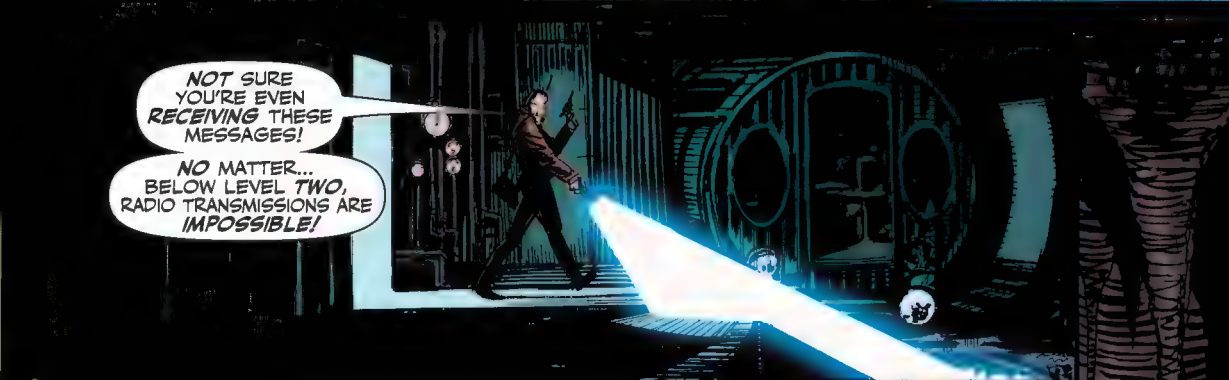
I'M
GOING IN!



I JUST HOPE
FOR MY SAKE...AND
THE PRESIDENT'S...
THAT BURKE'S
RESEARCH IS DEAD-ON
ACCURATE!

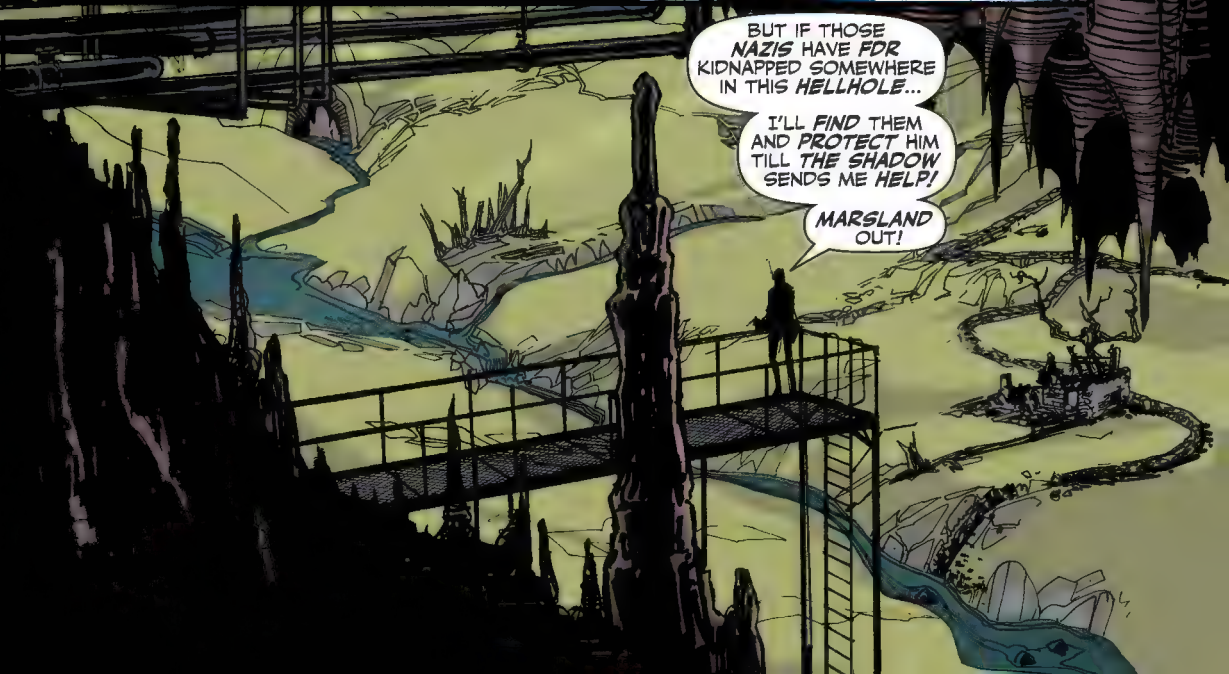


IF NOT,
I'M ABOUT TO
BE DEAD AND
BURIED SOMEWHERE
IN THE LOWEST
DEPTHS OF
MANHATTAN
ISLAND!



NOT SURE
YOU'RE EVEN
RECEIVING THESE
MESSAGES!

NO MATTER...
BELOW LEVEL TWO,
RADIO TRANSMISSIONS ARE
IMPOSSIBLE!



BUT IF THOSE
NAZIS HAVE FDR
KIDNAPPED SOMEWHERE
IN THIS HELLHOLE...

I'LL FIND THEM
AND PROTECT HIM
TILL THE SHADOW
SENDS ME HELP!

MARSLAND
OUT!



THERE!
UP AHEAD!
THE CHRYSLER
BUILDING!



IF WE GET
THERE FIRST, I CAN
STILL OBLITERATE
THIS CITY!



IF KHAN TRAVELS
BY FOOT, WE SHOULD
GET THERE BEFORE
HIM!



NO SUCH
LUCK!
HE'S TURNED
THE GIRASOL ON
THE TOWER!
IT'S COMING
DOWN!

Amid the RUINS of an antenna which had long TOWERED over a majestic CITY.

GIVE
ME TESLA'S
DEVICE!

COMMUNICATIONS
IN, FROM, AND TO THIS
CITY ARE DISABLED!
CHAOS WILL PREVENT
INTERFERENCE!

THIS RAY WILL
CARVE A PATH OF
SUN-LIKE HEAT THROUGH
GRAND CENTRAL STATION,
TIMES SQUARE, 42ND
STREET, AND WEEHAWKEN,
NEW JERSEY!

ALL IT NEEDS
IS ITS POWER
SOURCE...THE
GIRASOL!

LOAD
IT INTO
THE DEVICE'S
CHAMBER!
QUICKLY!

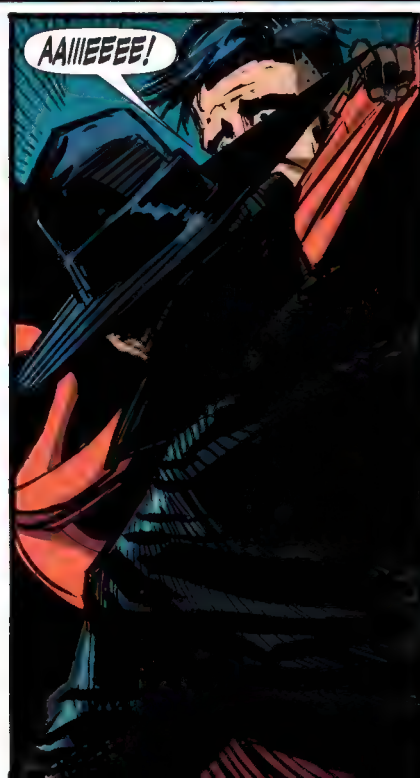
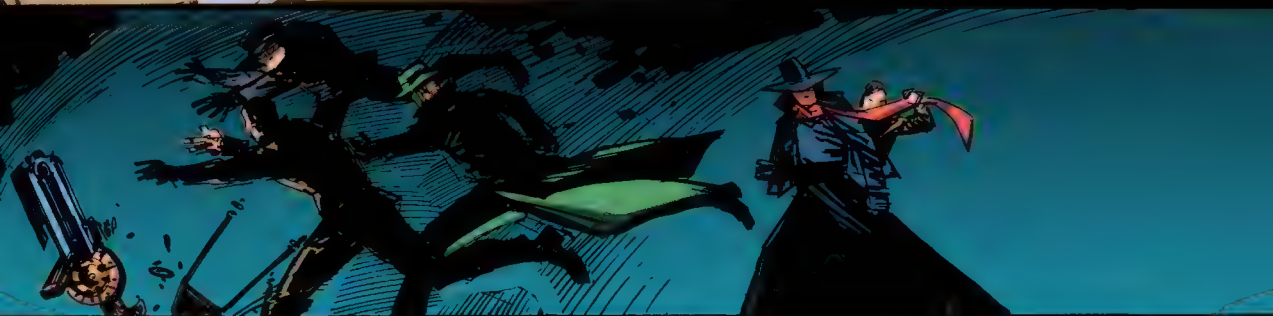
IT IS
DONE, GOLDEN
MASTER!

CLICK

KHAN!
STOP!

TRAITOR!

YOU FAILED!
BID YOUR CITY
FAREWELL!



STAND IF IT
BRINGS YOU SOME SORT
OF SOLACE OR DIGNITY IN
DEATH, SHADOW!

YOU'LL
ALL BE ASH IN
SECONDS!

I THINK
NOT.

A RING? MY DEAR
SHADOW...THE REALIZATION
OF YOUR DEATH MUST HAVE
DRIVEN YOU INSANE!

NOT "A" RING,
KHAN! "THE" RING! THE
ONLY ONE THAT CAN
OPPOSE YOURS!

YOU LIE! I HAVE
THE GIRASOLI! I HAVE
THE POWER-STONE TAKEN
FROM THE EYE OF THE
XINCAN IDOL!

STUPID
MAN OF EVIL...

HOW
MANY EYES ARE
ON A FACE?

HA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA

**NEXT: Part 5 of 5--
"LIGHTS OUT!"**

THE SHADOW GREEN HORNET® DARK NIGHTS

FOOTNOTES TO HISTORY BY MICHAEL USLAN

Interior Cover: This issue, I include an homage to the FIRST time I was introduced to both *The Shadow* and *The Green Hornet*: Old-time dramatic radio. Growing up in New Jersey after the era of dramatic radio, I was lucky enough to hear the old shows replayed for a new generation on WJRZ in Newark, New Jersey on Sunday afternoons. This issue's homage to those shows and other shows like *THE LONE RANGER*, *GRAND CENTRAL STATION*, and *LIGHTS OUT* begins here with the radio introduction to *THE LONE RANGER* adapted to his grand nephew, *THE GREEN HORNET*.

PAGES 1-2: See previous issues' "FOOTNOTES TO HISTORY" for information on both Nikola Tesla and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. And yes, Japan and Italy formed the World War II Axis with Germany.

PAGE 1: Yes, there really was a secret train tunnel that took FDR in his special train car to right below The Waldorf-Astoria in NYC during the War. Not only was this for security, it was also to avoid the general public and press seeing the President confined in his wheelchair. Recent reports relate that the train is still there underneath the hotel, abandoned by the government long ago.

PAGE 3: See previous issues' FOOTNOTES TO HISTORY for information on Rasputin and The Romanoffs.

PAGE 5: Frequency WXYZ - A radio homage to Detroit's station WXYZ where the radio adventures of both *THE LONE RANGER* and *THE GREEN HORNET* began.

PAGE 6: See previous issues' "FOOTNOTES TO HISTORY" for information on Howard Hughes and The New York World's Fair of 1939. Also, here's a radio homage with the intro to the program *GRAND CENTRAL STATION*.

PAGE 7: Shrevvy was wrong. The co-star of this legendary comic book was NOT called "The Human Torture."

PAGE 8: Tom Dewey was the famous federal, state and special prosecutor whose work in New York against the mob and others elevated him to NY D.A., NY Governor, and finally Presidential candidate, running against Roosevelt in 1944 and Truman in 1948. And contrary to some newspaper you may have seen, Dewey did NOT defeat Truman!

PAGE 11: The Cadillac-Book Hotel was one of Detroit's premiere hotels of the era. The singer in the background is singing a particularly apropos song. I'll let you figure it out. Also, the classical compositions being debated by the ladies are also a radio homage. Opus 31 of "Le Rouet d'Omphale" was used in the opening of *THE SHADOW* radio programs. "The William Tell Overture" was used as the theme for *THE LONE RANGER* radio programs. "Flight of the Bumble Bee" was used as the theme for *THE GREEN HORNET* radio programs.

PAGE 12: Hitler, indeed, would invade Poland in 1939, though Khan miscalculated. That and genocide were not sufficient to push America into the War. It would take the attack on Pearl Harbor to accomplish that on December 7, 1941.

PAGE 13: Everything discussed about what exists underneath New York City is true. A fascinating world exists beneath the surface of the City and is like a scary time machine. Google "underneath New York City" and have a blast reading all the books and articles that attempt to detail the wonders down there. Also, this is the second time in this graphic novel that Hitler's spy, Kruger, is mentioned. Can any comic book fan identify what Kruger did and how Kruger will die in March 1941? Finally, yes, there once was a fort near the southern tip of Manhattan Island in its earliest days and is fascinating to learn about!

PAGE 14: Khan has named some but not all of the alter-egos of The Shadow. How many more can you name?

PAGE 19: The Chrysler Building remains one of the most beautiful structures in New York. Completed in 1930 with links to Detroit through Chrysler, this building was briefly the tallest until surpassed by The Empire State Building in 1931.

Page 22: A radio homage to the dramatic radio program "Lights Out!" as the title for Part 5.

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PAGE 1.

PANEL 1. Full Page Splash. A very mean and determined SHIWAN KHAN has a gun trained on TESLA and in his other hand holds the containment vessel housing the Girasol. A shocked and distressed TESLA looks at the broken in door of his hotel apartment and sees men holding FDR at gunpoint, bound to his wheelchair. The prototype Death-Ray is on the desk in front of TESLA.

CAPTION

1939... SHIWAN KHAN is now MASTER of the FATE of the WORLD!

CAPTION #2

He POSSESSES the GIRASOL, needing only scientist NIKOLA TESLA to open its containment vessel to access POWER SUPREME!

KHAN

I thought you MIGHT be a bit RELUCTANT, Mr. Tesla!

KHAN (Balloon #2)

So we KIDNAPPED your MR. ROOSEVELT...

KHAN (Balloon #3)

... from his very train UNDERNEATH Park Avenue's SECRET TUNNEL leading into New York's finest hotel!

TESLA

MR. PRESIDENT!



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PAGE 2.

PANEL 1. A clearly drained and fatigued FDR demands TESLA not succumb!

FDR
DON'T do it, TESLA! AMERICA's at STAKE!
FDR (Balloon #2)
And we DON'T negotiate with NAZIS... or those who would form an AXIS with them!

PANEL 2. KHAN points his gun directly at FDR before a horrified, sweating TESLA.

KHAN
DESPITE my distaste for mathematics, I will SHOOT your PRESIDENT in exactly FIVE seconds if you FAIL to comply with my DEMANDS!

KHAN (Balloon #2)
5- 4- 3- 2- 1---
TESLA
STOP, you MAD MAN!

PANEL 3. A defeated, head hanging TESLA.

TESLA
I will do what you ask.

PANEL 4. CLOSE-UP of the containment vessel housing the Girasol ring inside, sitting in the out-stretched, open palm of KHAN.

KHAN (off-camera, coming from above his hand)
OPEN IT!

PANEL 5. TESLA sits at his desk or table and starts manipulating the containment vessel under the watchful eye of KHAN and one of his men. Maybe we can see the bound FDR exhausted in the background under armed guard, but not required. An ARYAN THUG asks KHAN a question. Tesla should be putting on a jeweler's magnifying eye... sort of like the one BURBANK wears. There are scalpel-like instruments on the table beside him.

ARYAN THUG
MASTER KHAN... what is this word, "GIRASOL?"
TESLA (looking only at the containment vessel)
It means "SUN!" It houses the POWER of a STAR... and I have CHANNELED it!

PANEL 6. The ARYAN THUG keeps asking questions. An annoyed KHAN tries to shut him up as TESLA continues concentrating on opening the containment vessel, and it is starting to separate and a glow starts to emerge from inside through the slight separation.

ARYAN THUG
GOTT IN HIMMEL!
ARYAN THUG (Balloon #2)
But... HOW does a piece of a glowing RED STAR become a jewel in the RING of THE SHAD-OW?



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PAGE 3.

PANEL 1. FLASH-BACK BEGINS as TESLA recounts in the Narration the origin of the Girasol stone. In this scene set circa 1520 in an Aztec settlement in Mexico, Xinca Indians are stunned with wide-open eyes, to dig out from a fire-opal mine this red glowing stone, seemingly the king of all fire opals.

CAPTION (Tesla's voice-over narration)

"The GIRASOL was discovered in the FIRE OPAL mines of Mexico by the XINCA Indians in the early 1500's..."

PANEL 2. FLASH-BACK CONTINUES as wicked Spanish conquistadors kill Xincas as they overturn an idol, holding up the red glowing stone in triumph as the vanquished Xinca Indians cry out in despair. It is important we do NOT see the face of that Idol yet.

CAPTION (Tesla's voice-over narration continues)

"The Spanish CONQUISTADORS plundered it from the stone EYE socket of their most sacred IDOL!"

PANEL 3. FLASH-BACK CONTINUES as a Spanish galleon circa 1520 sails the Pacific amid a storm.

CAPTION (Tesla's voice-over narration continues)

"Spanish galleons shipped their BOOTY to the Far East, but traders and TRAITORS sold, bartered and STOLE the treasures, LITTLE ever reaching Spain."

PANEL 4. FLASH-BACK CONTINUES as the Xinca Indiana carry their heavy stone idol (face down so we cannot see its face) through the thick jungles of the Yucatan.

CAPTION (Tesla's voice-over narration continues)

"To protect their IDOL from further DEFILEMENT, the Xincas HID it in the treacherous Yucatan jungles for 400 years!"

PANEL 5. FLASH-BACK CONTINUES as in a Close-Up, RASPUTIN looks at the Girasol now in the setting of a ring, with the base clearly showing a seven pointed star engraved in it.

CAPTION (Tesla's voice-over narration continues)

"The EYE of the IDOL emerged in a RING among the ROMANOFF Jewels! RASPUTIN marked that ring with the SIGN of the Russian spy group, The SEVENTH STAR."



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PAGE 4.

PANEL 1. END OF FLASH-BACK. Back in the hotel apartment as TESLA opens the containment vessel wider and it glows more strongly as a gloating KHAN stands over him.

ARYAN THUG
I can FEEL its POWER filling the room!

TESLA
I do this, KHAN, with FAITH in the VENGEANCE of THE SHADOW!

KHAN
You? A SCIENTIST declaring himself a man of FAITH?

KHAN (Balloon #2)
PITIFUL...

PANEL 2. CLOSE on a satanically evil grinning KHAN. The glow is increasing!

KHAN
FAITH? Nothing but FAIRY TALES...

KHAN (Balloon #2)
...and like "PETER PAN," I have separated you FOREVER from your SHADOW!

PANEL 3. TESLA answers back with a stiff upper lip. The glow is spreading and intensifying!

TESLA
Is that SO, Mr. Khan? Well, we shall SEE...

KHAN
NO, Mr. Tesla... I SEE. YOU are BLIND!

